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Dr De Graaff Opens Series

"Family Breakdown" was the initial topic covered last Tuesday evening by Dr. Arnold De Graaff in the first Discovery I lecture of this year.

Dr. De Graaff is Professor of Psychology and Theology at Trinity as well as guest lecturer in education at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto.

Dr. De Graaff pointed out that the breakdown of the family structure is not recent. "The norms for the family unit will always be there, structured in creation," he said, although this family will continue to be under attack.

De Graaff avoided the obvious symptoms of the family breakdown, such as teenage drug abuse, free-love, revolt on college campuses, the high divorce rate, etc. Rather in his diagnosis De Graaff went beyond the contemporary social critics in recognizing the feverish symptoms of a deeper fundamental religious direction in our society which is the illness that plagues it.

For those who have or are planning families, De Graaff's analysis was pertinent in pointing out that Christian nurture of the child, so that he learns to submit himself to the norms God has ordained, must begin at an early age.

However, basic to the problem of family breakdown is the fact that "children are no longer taught to submit their lives to various norms. Instead the children are made the center of

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AACS Organizes; Encourages Growth

A gathering of forty people formally organized into a local chapter of the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship on the evening of October 8. John C. Vander Stelt, Assistant Professor of Bible and Philosophy at Dordt, called the meeting of Dordt students and faculty, as well as interested persons outside the college.

The chapter, which grew from thirteen members to forty members in the course of the evening, elected Vander Stelt as their president. John Van Dyk and Jack Vanden Berg, also on the Dordt faculty, were elected to the posts of vice-president and secretary, respectively, and Tom L. Vanden Bosch, a Dordt Senior, was elected treasurer. Vander Stelt indicated Monday that several more individuals had shown an interest in obtaining membership to the A.A.C.S., which requires an annual \$25 fee. However, the AACS will make provisions for a reduced fee for those who cannot afford the full fee.

Mr. Vander Stelt, formerly A.A.C.S. director of development and student affairs for the eastern portions of Canada and the U.S., called attention to the purpose of the A.A.C.S. Rather than being a competitive or reactionary movement, he said, it is a positive movement towards post-college education. It is the only academic association on the North American continent which has an educational creed.

A new service of the A.A.C.S. is the Discovery I lecture series which consists of five lectures on the topic of the family in modern society. The project, under the general theme "Explorations in Contemporary Living," will involve lecturers from the Institute and Dordt, Calvin College and Trinity Christian College.

The local chapter, as yet unnamed, will not meet on a regular basis, Vander Stelt said. But it will be active in several areas. The chapter will sponsor and make arrangements for the Discovery II lecture series next year (an "ad hoc" commit-

80% Turnout Elects Twelve-Man Council

With the characteristic resurrection of summer-buried issues, twenty aspiring Student Council candidates offered their pleas on the altar of student opinion and popularity. Lack of substantial basis for promises encouraged most of the aspirants to theorize rather than offer positive statements. After three days of poster campaigning and the Wednesday evening conventions, a large turnout on Thursday, October 9, elected the twelve '69-'70 Council members.

Senior candidates Chuck De Groot, James Mahaffy, Eric Schilperoort, and Carol Hoekman pointed out that there are no new issues. As Carol stated, candidates "resort to the ageless problems of student authority, relegation of finances, and abolishment of petty rules." Most of the candidates emphasized that in order for Student Council to be a true voice of the students, representatives have to represent the class as a unified body. And the work of the council must be made more relevant--dealing with ideas and principles and current problems rather than being limited to trivia. Interesting lectures, improved movie quality, and committees to clear up some carried-over problems were other suggestions. Thursday's election saw 85% of the senior class elect Carol Hoekman, Eric Schilperoort, and a write-in candidate, Ron Schaap

tee is in charge of Discovery I), make plans for a Midwest A.A.C.S. study conference and will maintain the Reformational Dugout. Vander Stelt hopes to locate the Midwest Study Conference on Dordt's campus next summer. The Reformational Dugout will be local headquarters for Tomorrow's Book Club, which distributes material related to the A.A.C.S. as well as A.A.C.S. publications. Vander Stelt said that the Dugout will also build a library of tape recordings of all A.A.C.S. sponsored lectures.

Duane Addink, Roger Kragt, Sandi Van Maanen, and Herm Niejenhuis, Junior contenders, emphasized the point that the Student Council must be composed of dynamic Christians who will represent the class before the Council and their work before God as office-bearers in His Kingdom. Joining the Seniors and Student Council President Harry Fernhout, they demanded that the Council become a source of dynamic leadership for Dordt College. If the candidates accomplish their aims, this year should see music in the Commons at mealtime, longer library hours, a "Parent's Day" near the beginning of the next academic year, more attention given to off-campus students, new courses, and a Council providing leadership to meet new situations as they arise. 88% of the Junior class elected Sandi Van Maanen, Duane Addink, and Herm Niejenhuis to serve as their representatives.

A definition of the Student Council derived from the combined speeches of the six Sophomore candidates might say that the Student Council is an active, representative body working under God to develop our unique world and life view in the Dordt College community and in life as a whole. "Issues" raised by candidates Sonja Bentz, John De Bree, Nanci Kreps, Arie Boot, Karen Van Til, and Lambert Zuidervaat included providing a bus to away basketball games, naming the campus buildings, organizing more cultural events and better lectures, looking into meal tickets in the Commons, and using various methods of involving the student body in Student Council actions. The council must be open to all the students on Dordt's campus, and also work toward more unity with the sister Christian colleges and with other colleges in this area. Sonja Bentz, Nanci Kreps, and Lambert Zuidervaat were elected by the voting 80% of the class.

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Contemporary sacrifice...or lack of it

Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, a member of the predominantly black Lawndale Christian Reformed Church of Chicago, Illinois, wrote a letter to the editor of The Banner which was published in that periodical's August 29 issue. Rev. John Vander Ploeg, editor of The Banner, originally waived an editorial statement until the Timothy Christian School Society of Cicero returned a requested reply to the letter. But readers of the periodical protested until he published a rather wishy-washy statement of the matter in the October 10 issue. The original letter has served its purpose, however, of bringing the Lawndale-Cicero crisis to the light in the Christian Reformed denomination.

In absence of a statement by the official organ of the Christian Reformed Church, The Banner, the editors of The Chimes, the official newspaper of the official college of the CRC, Calvin College, took it upon themselves to publish an "indepth" study of the problem in its October 3 issue. The study, consisting of six articles, showed a very professional journalistic approach to the problem and examined it from all possible angles. We encourage all Dordt students and faculty to read this paper, as well as Mrs. Roberts' letter.

We feel that what has been done, or rather what has not been done in Cicero to be a very grave situation, and worthy of the discussion and attention it is receiving in the denomination. We realize that we are far removed from the problem geographically and have not experienced what the persons involved have experienced, but would like to make a few comments on the basis of what we do know.

First, this is primarily a problem of education. It should be treated as such. The people of Lawndale appealed to the church and presently two ecclesiastical groups, Synod as well as Classis Chicago North, are involved. The problem is that these groups cannot overrule the decision of Timothy Christian School Board under any circumstances. They can only recommend as strongly as possible that Timothy accept these children in Christian love and as a fulfillment of the covenant.

Secondly, we find it difficult to understand why the school board does not recognize the fact that what they are doing is a very blatantly negative witness. The board seemingly has not even tried to take any measures to insure safety for those who would integrate the school. In fact, they have stated that they would fight a proposed suit against the public officials of Cicero. (The suit would be brought against these officials for allegedly stating a refusal to protect the school from the violence promised if it would integrate.) Such an attitude would lead one to doubt their claims that they are not "racist," but "realistic."

Also, the fact that they allow public opinion to determine their policies shows a lack of faith. We, as Christians, must be ready to suffer and die for our beliefs. Apparently the CRC people of Cicero are not the Christians they had thought themselves to be.

These are our observations. They may seem harsh, or they may seem naive, depending on a person's view point. We realize that it is easy for us to sit here and say that the CRC people of Cicero should risk life and limb to make this integration possible, and we realize that they may be required to do so. The only answer we can give to these objections is that we sincerely wish that we could suffer with them as fellow Christians.

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letter to the editor

Chapel speech content criticized

Editor:

Chapel speeches seem to hold some authoritarian air, and too often are accepted indiscriminately. Mr. Hull's recent effort deserves further attention, I think, and as alleged Christian scholars, more of us should be duly critical of student speeches. Student speakers and listeners alike should be anxious to ask Christian questions and provide Christian answers. I feel that Mr. Hull's chapel speech fell short on both counts.

Although I found it difficult to follow any coherent theme, Mr. Hull's speech seemed to be an indictment of American government for suppression of the Negro, and an indictment of the white man for manipulating the Negro people and forcing the Negro male into sexual inferiority. Something like that. The format of the message, however, was a series of quotes from Malcolm X, as if Malcolm X were the ultimate authority and we should shudder at his accusation. How disappointing to see time allotted for a Christian devotional message turned into a parroting of the scathing indictment of an un-Christian Black Muslim.

It is our Christian responsibility to carry our witness into all areas of life, and our responsibility to bring Christ into the area of race relations must not be minimized. But Mr.

Hull's inflammatory remarks were based on a totally humanistic foundation, pinning the blame for his alleged conditions on societal relations. The reality of sin in the heart of man was not cited, the need of redemption in Christ was not offered as a solution--only a human problem alleged by a militant un-Christian, and a vague indictment by the chapel speaker. The only semblance of any devotional character came with a short irrelevant reading from Revelation tacked on at the end of the speech.

Mr. Hull announced at the outset of his speech that we the audience could expect some shocking terminology, and he then contended that if it disturbed us, we should ask ourselves why--inferring that we were guilty of his indictment and therefore self-conscious and uncomfortable. I confess I was shocked, but I do not feel guilty as charged. The terms used were not only vulgar, but unnecessary and wholly irrelevant even to the intended theme of the speech.

Although the word discrimination has acquired a tainted connotation over the past few years, I believe it is our Christian responsibility to discriminate more intently and consistently in everything we do. Let us relate this responsibility to our chapel speeches.

Sincerely,
Norman Bomer

Dordt Observes M-Day At Prayer-Memorial Service

A self-organized committee of concerned students and faculty members released the following statement after chapel exercises Tuesday, October 14. Student Council approved the statement in their initial meeting that evening, as well as the prayer service which the committee scheduled for the following day.

Wednesday, October 15, has been designated for a nationwide moratorium against the war in Vietnam. As concerned Christian students at Dordt College, we recognize the importance of weighing the grave issues surrounding the war and taking a relevant stand in the light of God's Word.

We wish to publicly state that we do not stand in total agreement with those who have organized the moratorium, nor the majority of those who are participating in it. Their reasons for organizing and participating stem from a purely humanistic philosophy which does not recognize God as the Sovereign Ruler over all, nor the fact that war is the result of man's sinfulness.

Therefore, we as aware Christian citizens are observing October 15 as a day of re-dedication and prayer. As a timely expression of our own involvement, we seek God's guidance and honor the memory of those who have sacrificed their lives in this struggle. We gather in devotion and prayer to express with a united Christian voice our reliance on Jesus Christ as the only source of peace. We offer this observance as a model, with the prayer that throughout this country men will humble themselves before God our Maker.

Four Fresh Profs Release Credentials

(The following four faculty members were inadvertently omitted from the article on new faculty members in our last issue. We offer our humble apologies and now introduce them to the Dordt student body.--Ed.)

Of the several new faculty members at Dordt, at least one is totally familiar with his environment. Delmar VanderZee graduated from Dordt in 1966, and then went on to earn his Masters Degree from Western Michigan University. Following one year of teaching at Southwestern Christian High School, in Edgerton, Minnesota, he returns to his Alma Mater. Within his field, Biology, he enjoys concentrating on cell physiology. He has also completed projects in microphotography.

Kornelius Boot, a native of Alberta, Canada, has taught high school German for three years in Lynden, Washington, before coming to Dordt. He holds a Bachelors Degree from Lewis and Clark College, and has studied at the University of Washington. In 1968, he studied in Munich, Germany, under the National Defense and Education Act.

Another new instructor who has years of teaching experience is Larry Reynolds. A product of Calvin College and Seattle University, Reynolds spent seven years in the Christian school system in Washington. He teaches English-related subjects and is especially interested in romantic and English literature. Reynolds notes that his acceptance of a position at Dordt was not without personal sacrifice--his hobby, mountain climbing, has unavoidably undergone extensive curtailment.

"We hope that this business department will fill a need in the Christian Reformed academic community. The possibilities for expansion are nearly endless." These were the comments of Henry DeGroot, professor of business, who comes to Dordt from Sioux Falls College. DeGroot, who holds titles, "Master of Business Administration" and "Certified Public Accountant," is a veteran of years of business experience and years of teaching on the college level. ddg

stop because they lacked the necessary self-discipline. Alcohol was a major cause in the downfall of three of the men; drugs caused that of the fourth.

All of the men were serving time for a second or third offense, a fact which they attributed to an inability to adjust to normal life after they had begun committing crimes. sm

Whither shall I go?

touchstone
by Henry Knoop

All Lie In Wait by William Samelson. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1969. 264 pages. \$5.95

"Whither shall I go...?"

When every exit is shut...

Whither shall I go...?"

When everywhere stands a guard.

Whither shall I go...?"

I am told to stay put.

Wherever I might turn,

They tell me 'Jew remain'.

And return to your lot."

To those who have read Leon Uris' book, *Mila 18*, the events of *All Lie In Wait* will not be unfamiliar. Once again the scene is Nazi-occupied Poland during the Second World War with the story concerning the persecution of two Jewish families, the Simons and the Mandels, who find they have nowhere to go to escape the surging Nazi regime. The speaker is Wilek Simon, youngest member of that family, who in this autobiographical account relates the events that lead to the death of his family and friends leaving only his older brother, Roman, and himself to face the enemy.

But before we can go on, we should examine the structure of the book for in itself it contributes much to the meaning of the story. The book is divided into two parts: Love, Humor and Hope contrasted with Hate and Faith. Each part, in turn, is divided into chapters dealing with incidents during the course of the war and each is concluded by selections of ancient Norse mythology which somehow finds its way into the very fibre of the story. For example, Mr. Samelson starts with references to the great war of heaven between Good and Evil and subsequent disasters which seem to be illustrated by the events of the story.

"Where can we go?" is the question asked by Father Simon in the opening pages of the novel when he finds all the exits out of Poland shut. This cry is not only that of the Simons but becomes the song of the ghetto and indeed, Mr. Samelson suggests, it is the cry of all mankind. By so doing the author universalizes his theme of where to go in a time of unresolved strife between good and evil. To Wilek and Roman no apparent means of escape is in sight. Family and friends have been exterminated leaving two possible solutions in their fight for survival. Roman insists that only by hating the enemy fiercely enough can one survive; Menasha a close friend of the brothers, suggests a hope in God will bring them through their ordeal. The outcome, however, does not support either solution leaving the reader with some startling questions.

Is there no hope for man then? Is the title, taken from Micah 7:2, true? "The godly man is perished out of the earth, And the upright among men is no more; They all lie in wait for blood; They hunt every man his brother with a net." Will man's inhumanity to man lead to self-destruction? These are questions, Mr. Samelson suggests, that can only be answered by each one of us individually. He does offer his solution though, with references to Scripture and a hope in the Lord, but his emphasis remains on man. Man must make this decision, whether this cycle of self-destruction will continue or a faith in God is restored.

dordt unawares

by Jim Schaap

There is evidence of an isolationist philosophy now in residence at Dordt College and apparent in innumerable prayers and speeches. It goes something like this, "Help us to be armored by the Word, so that next year we can move into the world as able soldiers ready to fight for Thy cause." The thought in itself is excellent. It is the function of a Christian college to prepare its students for the warfare which faces them, making them able to combat those philosophies which are racing our world into the nearly uncontrollable "fishtail" it is seemingly in today. However, there is a fallacy assumed in the thought which needs to be quickly and efficiently eradicated.

The prayer above assumes two things which are not valid. First of all, it assumes that Dordt College itself is nothing more than a giant clam, fortified by its indestructable calcium jaws and gently protecting its priceless pearls, meanwhile coating them with innumerable layers of defense, and shining them to a splendid lustre. Secondly, assumed in its words is the feeling that the students themselves are some alienated sub-culture, "retreating" from the world and its dangerous fangs until sometime in the future when they are adequately clothed to face the stormy weather ahead.

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Kistemaker Heads Holy Land Tour

A 15-day tour of the Holy Land is planned by Dr. Simon Kistemaker, associate professor of Bible and languages at Dordt.

Beginning on March 19, 1970, tourists will see Cairo, Egypt, Nicosia, Cyprus; Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Capernaum, and Nazareth, Israel; Athens, Greece; and Rome, Italy.

Dr. Kistemaker indicated that the group will spend Good Friday and Easter Sunday in Jerusalem to highlight the trip.

He pointed out that the Israeli government guarantees safety to all tourists and suggested that students might find such an expedition interesting and educational.

More information may be obtained in brochure form from the Dordt College library.

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Convicts Emphasize Criminal Tendencies

Over 400 Dordt students listened to four convicts from the Sioux Falls Penitentiary talk on Wednesday, October 8 about their starts in crime. The guard who accompanied the men explained that participation in Operation Pitfall is entirely voluntary; men do not shorten their terms by presenting the programs. Their purpose in coming is simply to prevent other young people from making the same mistakes that they made.

The narrator, Jack, stated in opening remarks that half of the crimes committed were committed by those under the age of sixteen. Nine out of ten persons imprisoned in the penitentiary dropped out of school. Also, two per cent of every high school class will end up in a penitentiary. Seventy-two per cent of the people serving in the penitentiary were intoxicated at the time they committed their crime.

All four men talked about their early beginnings in crime. They started out by stealing small things, then could not

A lottery for the future?

by Warren Swier

Protest! Get involved! These nation-wide exclamations have become the by-words of young people today. But these phrases may emit some ominous overtones. Violent demonstrations can result from becoming too involved, for the protester is often ruled by mob spirit and becomes oblivious to the issue at stake. The Administrative policies usually bear the brunt of youthful attacks. Students naturally protest against some policy which they feel obscures their plans for the future. The current fervor centers around the Viet Nam issue and its reluctant counterpart, the Selective Service System.

President Nixon proposed a draft revision bill last May 13, but Congressional action has not yet been taken. Nixon has never used executive powers to force Congressional action, but he said in the September 26 issue of *Time*, "If Congress fails to act, we will take appropriate executive action." This statement resulted primarily from a nudge in the side by Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, who is concerned with the autumnal unrest of students. Also, Laird feels if the bill is too late for this year, students will know a change is wanted. Congressional action is needed to reword the sentence in the 1967 draft law which prohibits random selection, the heart of Nixon's bill.

According to *Time*, the Nixon revision bill would:

1. Draft the youngest first so that a young man would become less vulnerable to the draft as he grows older.

2. Reduce draft vulnerability from 7 years to 1. Accordingly, young men would normally become eligible at 19. By the time they reach 20, they could be reasonably sure of being draft-free, unless there were a major emergency.

3. Select names for the draft at random or by lottery. One of the year's 365 days would be picked from a fish bowl. Thus, if April 1 were chosen, all men age 19 who were born on that date would be draftable. If there were not enough to fill the quota, another date would be randomly chosen and the process repeated. Among other things, this plan eliminates the burden falling unfairly on those born early in the year. Presently, they are the first to be called.

4. Give a temporary deferment to college students. Once graduated they would be placed in the pool for one year and treated as if they were 19 years old.

5. Defer graduate students until they have completed the full academic year. Under the present system, they are eligible for induction at the end of the term in which they are drafted.

Parallel to the draft proposal is the reduction in the draft call. The October call-up has now been spread over October, November, and December. The President will then review the January call-up for possible cuts. But all this results in only 5,600 fewer draftees than in 1968.

By his reform bill, Nixon hopes to eliminate draft boards, which are accused of subjective judgments. *Time* says, "One frequent criticism of the present Selective Service System is the freedom it allows the nation's 4000 local draft boards." Therefore the President called for a report on draft boards due in December, since a federally controlled lottery would change this situation. Data-processing equipment and computers could then replace the faulty judgments of board members.

The final phase of the draft law is probably the most important. In 1972 Nixon hopes to abolish compulsory service completely, since the Selective Service Act of 1967 will then expire. The army, as a result, will become all voluntary.

Naturally, favorable and unfavorable arguments arise from this concept of the voluntary service. Those opposed feel this would create an "elite corps of killers, dangerously isolated from American society." Those in favor are the majority. They reasonably claim it would cut down on military waste and revive pride in those who do serve. Of course, the affirmative nods come mostly from America's draft-age youth.

How did Dordt students react? The reporter conducted an informal poll of male and female students. Of the men contacted, some were not familiar with the bill, but upon explanation of it, felt the change will be acceptable: it removes the partiality involved. The men familiar with the essence of the bill were prepared to respond by feeling it will be to their advantage. None felt the possible revision to be harmful; others were indifferent. Unfamiliarity with the bill was more prevalent among the women; as was indifference. Those unfamiliar with this legislation attempt could see advantages when its essence was explained.

President Nixon and Defense Secretary Laird are opposed to

'Papa Is All' Opens Oct. 23

The newly organized Student Workshop, in connection with the Thalian department and formal drama courses, will present "Papa Is All," by Patterson Greene on October 23, 24, and 25. Performance time is 8:00 P.M. Reserved tickets of \$.75 will be on sale prior to the evenings of performance and extra tickets will be available at the door.

The play is a comedy depicting tender, but humanistic love. Mama, Emma, and Jake share a warm bond in their attempts to develop into the individuals they are structured to be, despite Papa's tyrannical repression. He stands in sharp contrast to the other members of the family, adding another dimension to this delightful comedy.

On the exterior, "Papa Is All" tells of a Dutch Pennsylvania family's rebellion against a tyrannical father who misuses their Mennonite traditions for

purposes of his own. Seeing their Papa suppressing, in the name of religion, simple pleasures to which their Mama has no objection, Emma and Jake choose to remain "worldly." According to Papa, this worldliness is exercised in Emma's love for the surveyor and Jake's desire for simple machinery to improve the farm productions.

Tension is climaxed when Mrs. Yoder, a "worldly" neighbor, tells of Emma's going to a show with her young man friend. Papa then decides to kill the surveyor. In defense of Emma, Jake hits Papa over the head with a monkey wrench, loads him into a coal car and hopes he'll roll to his death. Miraculously Papa lives, only to accidentally shoot the wrong man. Ironically, he is being taken away to justice by State Trooper Brendle, just as the surveyor comes to call on Emma. ca

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Both the assumptions are not only false, but can keep the students and Dordt College itself from making the impact it not only should, but must strike.

There are indications that these imaginary walls are beginning to disintegrate. The bookstore downtown, commonly referred to as the "Reformational Dugout," is dynamic in its attempt to reach out to those needy citizens not affiliated with our academic community. The move is nearly unprecedented in the history of our College. Never before have students embarked into the surrounding community to educate and liberalize minds separate from our answers, but hungry for their effect.

Student participation in the nationwide Vietnam moratorium is indicative of an attempt to eradicate this "outside world" philosophy. Although no alignment with the Moratorium's stand was indicated, the movement's nationwide participation provided an exceptional chance for us to develop our Christian position, and refer back to the will of the Almighty Creator. We not only think of ourselves as in the world, but we seem to some extent to be consciously living it. We have no choice, however; the reality of our truth makes dialogue and communication imperative.

Although we may be to a certain extent geographically isolated, this is no reason to assume that we will be politically, culturally, and socially isolated as well. We are not only students of Dordt College, but citizens of the United States of America, and members of perhaps the most emotionally and intellectually aware generation that has ever converged onto the world scene. We must reject the absurd notion that we are only students of this institution and separate from the real world. Metaphorically speaking, we must free ourselves from the idea that we are maturing pearls in the jaws of a giant clam, and realize that we are already on the market. We are not separate from the world, it is all around us, in fact it is we, ourselves.

the former head of the SSS, General Lewis Hershey, who is in turn against the lottery system. Prior to Hershey's dismissal, chances for passage of the bill seemed slim in *Newsweek*: "We might get it through Congress if we tack it on a Mother's Day proclamation," conceded an Administrative official, adding quickly: "But Everett Dirksen's dead."

Young men and women could be more knowledgeable about policies affecting the future of their particular age group. Acquiring these facts does not have to be a "bridle" upon learning, if opinions are used to "rein in" on resulting personal actions. More interest should be shown and more involvement effected toward a more balance effort for desired changes whether nationally or educationally.

Six Dates Open

For Grad Exams

Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey, has announced that undergraduates and others preparing to go to graduate school may take the Graduate Record Examinations on any of six different test dates during the current academic year.

The six dates are October 25, December 13, January 17, February 28, April 25, and July 11. Choice of test dates should be determined by the requirements of graduate schools or fellowships to which one is applying. Scores are usually reported to graduate schools five weeks after a test date. The nearest testing center for this area is in Sioux Falls.

Seniors who are preparing to go into graduate work should immediately contact one of the professors in their fields of study, and begin correspondence with their chosen graduate school if they have not done so already.

The GRE include an Aptitude Test of general scholastic ability and Advanced Test measuring achievement in 21 major fields of study. Details and registration forms are contained in the 1969-70 Bulletin of Information for Candidates. A copy may be obtained from Educational Testing Service, 960 Grove Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201. te

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Students concede that probably the most lively, though not the most enlightening convention was that of the freshmen. Balloons, songs, signs, and a pie-in-the-face emphasized the campaign speeches of Jeff Boer, Carol Goortsema, Dan Holwerda, Sue Maatman, Donna Mulder, and Henry Vander Veen. Offering themselves to the class as open representatives, they promised to represent the class and the college as awake Christian students doing their part to make this year's council a dynamic council. A student suggestion box, more library and bookstore hours, and better student-faculty relationships were also brought out for another airing. Thursday, Jeff Boer, Dan Holwerda, and Donna Mulder were elected to serve by the eighty per cent of the class which voted.

Friday morning, the walls were bare as the campaign posters were removed. Congratulations met the winning reps wherever they went, and Student Council President, Harry Fernhout, planned to call the first meeting of this new, idea-filled council. gdk

'Nobody's Children'

Open At Catacomb

Tonight the Catacomb will mark the opening of another year with sounds of "Nobody's Children." Under new management, the Catacomb is looking forward to a successful year.

According to one of the new owners, Lugene Vanden Bosch, the basic policies will remain the same as last year but students can look forward to some changes in the variety of entertainment and food this year. Plans call for bringing in more and varied entertainment, attempting to keep the cover charge at a minimum. Also, more variety in food and refreshments can be looked forward to at a minimum price, due to the new self-service policy.

The Catacomb will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. A new feature this year will be the institution of Friday night as college night and Saturday night as open night when high school students will be able to attend.

Although the management will be booking more outside entertainment, Vanden Bosch assured the Diamond that local talent will be more than welcome. "The exact nature of the entertainment will depend largely upon student reaction. At the present time we are trying to feel out the situation and therefore we will be open to suggestions from the students," Vanden Bosch remarked. Anyone wishing to audition or obtain further information can contact any one of the owners: Lugene Vanden Bosch, Russ Ten Cate, Joel Hogan, Gerry Vande Werfhorst, or Warren Lubben.

Next week's entertainment will be provided by the local "Society of Sound." jvb

The first meeting of the new student council members was held Tuesday evening, October 14. The meeting served as a chance for President Fernhout to organize his council.

Election of officers within the Student Council filled each of the vacant positions. Eric Schilperoort was elected vice-president. He "...shall assume the duties of the President in the latter's absence." Sandi Van Maanen, the new secretary, "...shall keep a record of proceedings of all meetings and shall conduct all necessary correspondence." Treasurer Herm Van Niejenhuie shall "(1) keep a record of all financial transactions, (2) co-sign all disbursement vouchers with the Dean of Students, (3) act as chairman of the Finance Committee, (4) submit a monthly financial report to the student council, (5) present a copy of the yearly financial statement to the Dean of Students."

Members for several of Dordt's standing committees were appointed. Brad Breems, Carol Balt, Sonja Bentz, Bernie Van Ee, Mike Luinenburg, Nancy Ribbens, Ray Vander Laan, and Jim Schaap make up the '69-70 Social Activities Committee. The Film Board which is part of the above committee, consists of Larry Meyer, Jay Fluck, Jeff Boer, Tom Vanden Bosch, Karen Van Til, Elaine Jasper, and Jerry Vreeman. The Lecture Committee is presently trying to engage Harvey Cox, author of secular City. New members of this committee are John DeBree, Ralph Huizenga, Phil Hoekstra, Elsy Nederlof, and Nancy Kreps.

Fenton Groen was present at the student council meeting to request appointment of a com-

mittee to supervise the playing of music in the Commons. Dick Ritzema, Arie Poot, Duane Nieuwsma, and Glenda Buteyn were appointed to serve.

Also present at the meeting was Jack Van Vliet, who requests the Student Council to invite Reverend Westerhof, ordained Christian Reformed minister, to come and speak on race problems. Jack feels that the people in an academic community must be aware of problems that exist in our country. More details will be available in the near future.

The Council was notified of the preparation of a prayer service on Moratorium Day, last Wednesday by an "ad hoc" committee headed by Rich Ter Maat. The committee handed out a purpose statement-Dordt's interpretation of the nation-wide Moratorium-after chapel exercises Tuesday.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the new cheerleaders will be chosen. This year, officers will vote, along with the Student Council and the athletic department. Later this fall, tryouts for junior varsity cheerleaders will be held. ml

Seniors Substitute For Bootless Boot

"As you stand in front of all those students for the first time, you suddenly gain a deep appreciation for the veteran teacher." This comment, made by Karen Bokhoven, reflects the ideas of the six German "Methods" students who are filling the shoes of the incapacitated "Deutschlehrer" Korneilus Boot.

Boot, recovering from an encounter with a stepladder on October 2, states that his physical condition is "much better", and he hopes to return to the campus shortly after October 17. For some weeks, however, his left leg will remain in a cast. Last week a Sioux Falls doctor inserted a metal bolt into Boot's fractured tibia.

Abraham Bos, head of the German department (who is teaching Boot's conversational class), remarked that the six student teachers are performing well, and are gaining valuable experience. He also said that Boot's return is being eagerly anticipated by factions organizing a German club.

Meanwhile, Beth Le Fever, Karen Bokhoven, Sonja Assink, Ralph Huizinga, John Kooima, and Gale Nyland are conducting two second-year classes and one first-year class. ddg

Calendar Of Coming Attractions

October 18	11:00 a.m.	Cross Country Meet-Yankton Invitational at Yankton, South Dakota.
October 21	4:30 p.m.	Cross Country Meet with Midwestern at Sandy Hollow.
October 22		Steak night in the Commons--Dress Up!!
	8:00 p.m.	Bethel YPS reception for Dordt Students.
October 23, 24, 25		Thalians play, "Papa is All" -- C106
October 25	11:00 a.m.	Hawkeye League Youth Synod -- C106
October 28	9:00 p.m.	Mission Club -- Library Classroom.
October 29		IM Archery begins.
October 31		Reformation Day Rally-Rev. Rein Leestma from Chicago will speak.
November 1		Community Concert--note change from October 21.
November 4		IM Volleyball starts.

Dordt CC Runners Tally 4-4 Record

After running three meets in one week and another the following Monday, Dordt's cross-country team added two victories and two losses to their former 2-2 record. Within this tightly scheduled season, the harriers also placed last at the Southwest Minnesota State College Invitational held Saturday, Oct. 11. They defeated Dakota State College at home 20-35 and smashed Midwestern College 38-91 in a double dual which was run at Midwestern. In this same dual, Dordt bowed to a 38-18 defeat to Tarkio College. In their second unsuccessful attempt to overcome the Westmar Eagles, Dordt's runners again lost 33-24 to the strong depth of the Le Mar's team.

Bleeker, Louters and Jasper took the first three positions to help Dordt to an easy victory over Dakota State College on Oct. 6 at Sandy Hollow. It was the good depth running of the Dakota team which kept them in stride with their opposition on the flat three mile course.

At Midwestern's double-dual it was a different course all together. The course was composed of a long sloping hill that was run up and down three times to complete a distance of four miles. Steve Potter of Tarkio College finished first in a time of 21:18. Bleeker (fourth), Louters (sixth), Visser (eighth), Jasper (ninth) and de Jager (eleventh) took in Dordt's first five to place an easy second in front of six Midwestern runners who (it seems) were not even accustomed to their own course.

Westmar claimed victory for the third time over the Dordt Defenders Monday in very cold running conditions. As usual, Jay Vetter of Westmar clinched first in a time of 16:57 over Dordt's home course. Freshman Bleeker took a close second (17:11) but was chased by Westmar's Kennedy who placed seven seconds behind him. Louters, Jasper, Visser and de Jager rounded out the scoring for Dordt in the 33-24 defeat.

With a winding, hilly 4.2 mile course and in snowy, cold conditions, Dordt placed a close third (54) to St. Thomas College (43) in the Southwest Minnesota State College Invitational. Southwest Minnesota took an easy victory (18) on their home course. Bleeker, Louters, Visser, Jasper and Vander Wilt scored for Dordt in the tough competitive meet.

The 1969 season calls for two more meets (Yankton Invitational and Midwestern College) and possibly a third with Sioux Falls

October 15 I-M Standings

Girl's Softball Intramural Standings as of Monday, Oct. 13

	W	L
1. Branderhorst's Ballers(fr.) -Mary Branderhorst, capt.	3	0
2. Junior Avengers(jr.) -Vicki Veurink, capt.	1	2
3. Undertakers(fr.) -Donna Wierenga, capt.	2	1
4. Kittenballs(fr.) -Debbie Buys, capt.	0	3
5. Lightning Girls(soph.) -Carol Veldhouse, capt.	3	0
6. Sophomore Slumps(soph.) -Hofman-Kramer, co-capt.	0	3

I-M Football Standings as of October 15

League A

	W.	L.	T.
Barf's Badboys	5	0	0
Gophers	4	1	0
Snafu Club	2	3	0
Bruins	1	3	1
Buckaroos	1	3	1
The Dudes	1	4	0

League B

	W.	L.	T.
Gestapo	5	0	0
Untouchables	4	1	0
Dirt Trodders	2	2	1
Blue Jeans	2	2	1
The Ugly Ones	1	4	0
Dirty Dozen	0	5	0

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attention." The reasons for this fact "are tied to the fundamental religious ideas which motivate our society.

Our society has an optimistic view of man's ability to control nature. Thus the mother is thought to be able to control her child's development "with a whole array of pedagogical techniques at her disposal." The child becomes the center of attention and is manipulated by his likes and dislikes with the goal viewed as a utopian fun society for child and parent. "The whole idea of the child's learning to submit himself to God's ordinances disappears."

As the basic norms are violated in the child's nurture "God's commands are violated and the child doesn't take up his religious calling and task in life...but also there is a violation of the very structure of family life which God has ordained and life begins to fall apart as described in Romans 1."

In continuing his analysis of the religious direction of contemporary North American society. Dr. De Graaff emphasized the destructured effect the cultural ideal of technique has had in fragmenting society

College which would be held today at Sandy Hollow. Dordt's freshmen and sophomore runners are likely to compete in an invitational to be held at Wahoo, Nebraska. A date for this meet could not be obtained. bdj

and the family. Class materialism is substituted for Christian or semi-Christian ideals. A trashy, cheap society is resulting from man's attempt to deify technique.

The family has not escaped. It is cut off from traditions isolated in a floating society. The authority structure of the family has been undermined by the ideal of democracy and the mother and father have often exchanged roles in their confusion about their place in the family. The teenager's only alternative to the fragmented society he sees around him is to remain detached and "keep his cool".

Dr. De Graaff's lecture was intended to be an introduction to the series of five lectures to be given this year. In that sense he delineated the problem and only sketched the directives which must be formulated. "We must look harder at what the Scriptures have to say and see more clearly the anti-Christian forces in our society. We must see more clearly what Christian norms and direction we can point to society and unfold and develop God's creation for all."

The next lecture in this series, "Family Living and Learning in a Biblical Perspective", on November 12 by Dr. James H. Olthuis of the Institute in Toronto.

kvt

Record 80% Pass

The 'Big H' Exam

The big headache which faces all Dordt freshmen, the Harper Test, is over for some of them. Now the English department is studying the test. Is it valid? Does it succeed in accomplishing its purpose? Mr. Vanden Berg, department head of English 101, said, "What the English department is really trying to do is: first, find out how much grammar the student knows; and secondly, get him to acquaint himself with the Harper Handbook." Mr. Vanden Berg went on to say that the staff is investigating, on the basis of comparison of several years test results with ACT and SCAT scores, just how valid the Harper Test is. However, the general feeling within the department is that Harpers is quite valid.

The results this year pleased the English staff: eighty per cent of the freshmen passed on the first try, compared to forty-five per cent last year. What is the cause of this tremendous improvement? Four factors are involved, according to Mr. Vanden Berg. First, he feels that the freshmen this year were better prepared in high school. Secondly, more time was devoted to it this year. Thirdly, it is true that the ACT and SCAT scores of the Class of '73 are a little higher than those of last year's freshmen. Finally, the freshmen were so alarmed by the accounts of the upper-classmen that they just studied harder.

Will Dordt freshmen in the coming years face the Harper ordeal? The English department, according to Mr. Vanden Berg, is debating two ideas. Either they will continue to teach grammar and keep the Harper Test, or they may devote the first weeks of English 101 to simply cleaning up common errors in grammar. There is also a possibility that in the future Harpers will be used as a placement test, along with the ACT and SCAT scores.

So the old Harper Test doesn't die; it doesn't even fade away. kw

Movie tonight!

'Mister Roberts'

starring Henry Fonda
James Cagney
Jack Lemmon

7:30 pm

Old Gymn